

Demographic Breakdown for Zogby International Poll Question on Official English, 1,007 likely voters, March 14-16, 2006, +/- 3.2% margin of error

Question 15: The U.S. does not have an official language. Do you agree or disagree that the United States should make English the official language of government operations with common-sense exceptions for things like diplomacy, assuring defendants' rights in court, promoting tourism, etc.

1. Agree	84 %
2. Disagree	13 %
3. Not sure	3 %

Percentage agreeing with answers no. 1 and 2 by demographic/political breakdown*:

<u>By Race</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>
White	86 %	11 %
Hispanic	71 %	29 %
African American	77 %	22.5 %

<u>By Party</u>		
Democrat	82 %	16 %
Republican	91 %	7 %
Independent	77 %	19 %

<u>By Ideology</u>		
Liberal	77 %	22 %
Moderate	84 %	12 %
Conservative	94 %	5 %

***Five out of Six Likely Voters Support Official English.** When informed the U.S. has no official language, five out of six likely voters (84%) agree the country should make English the official language of government operations with common-sense exceptions.

***Majority of Hispanic Voters Support Official English.** An overwhelming majority of likely Hispanic voters (71%) agree the country should make English the official language of government operations with common-sense exceptions.

***Bipartisan Majority Support Official English.** Official English is not an "extreme" position. Eighty-four percent (84%) of self-identified "moderate" likely voters agree the country should make English the official language. Seventy-seven percent (77%) of self-identified "liberal" and ninety-four percent (94%) of self-identified "conservative" likely voters agree.

*Margins of error are higher in sub-groups

Official Languages of the World

English sole official language (27)

1	¹²³ Antigua & Barbuda	English (official), local dialects
2	¹²³ Bahamas	English (official), Creole (among Haitian immigrants)
3	³ Barbados	English (official written)
4	¹²³ Belize	English (official), Spanish, Mayan, Garifuna (Carib), Creole
5	²³ Dominica	English (official) and French patois
6	²³ Micronesia (Fed States)	English (official, common), Chukese, Pohnpeian, Yapese, Kosrean, others)
7	²³ Fiji	English (official), Fijian, Hindustani
8	¹²³ Gambia	English (official), Mandinka, Wolof, Fula, other indigenous
9	¹²³ Ghana	English (official), African languages (including Akan, Moshi-Dagomba, Ewe, and Ga)
10	²³ Grenada	English (official), French patois
11	³ Guyana	English (official), Amerindian dialects, Creole, Hindi, Urdu
12	³ Jamaica	English (official), Jamaican Creole
13	³ Kiribati	English (official), I-Kiribati (Gilbertese)
14	¹²³ Liberia	English 20% (official), some 20 ethnic-group languages
15	¹²³ Namibia	English 7% (official), Afrikaans, German 32%, indigenous languages: Oshivambo, Herero,
16	²³⁵ Nigeria	English (official), Hausa, Yoruba, Ibo, Fulani, (local) and more than 200 others
17	²³ Seychelles	English (official) French, French creoles
18	²⁴ Sierra Leone	English (official), Mende (southern vernacular), Temne (northern vernacular), Krio
19	²³ Solomon Islands	English 1%–2% (official), Melanesian pidgin (lingua franca), 120 indigenous languages
20	²³ St. Lucia	English (official), French patois
21	²³ St. Vincent Grenadines	English, (official) French patois
22	²³ Sts. Kitts & Nevis	English (official)
23	³ Trinidad and Tobago	English (official), Hindi, French, Spanish, Chinese
24	¹²³ Uganda	English (official), Ganda or Luganda, other local African languages
25	⁴ United Kingdom	English (official national language), Scot-Gaelic, Welsh, Manx, and French
26	¹²³ Zambia	English (official); Bemba, Kaonda, Lozi, Lunda, over 70 other indigenous languages
27	¹²³ Zimbabwe	English (official), Shona, Ndebele (Sindebele), numerous minor tribal dialects